

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3141

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLAB, KE

SUBJECT: POTENTIAL LABOR VIOLENCE FROM WAGE DEMAND

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION AUG. 4 CENTRAL ORG. TRADE UNIONS DEMANDS OF ACROSS THE BOARD 150 PER CENT WAS INCREASE FOR KENYAN WORKERS. COTU DEMAND DELIVERED BY SEC GEN AKUMU GIVES GOK THREE WEEKS TO REPLY.

2. AKUMU TOLD EMB OFF HE FEELS 150 PER CENT RIDICULOUSLY HIGH BUT HIS SUGGESTED 55 PER CENT DEMAND OVERRULED BY COTU GOVERNING COUNCIL. COUNCIL MEMBERS UNDER PRESSURE FROM LOWEST PAID WORKERS MANY OF WHOSE RENTS RECENTLY INCREASED AS MUCH AS 300 PER CENT BY NAIROBI CITY COUNCIL. ALSO RAPID RATE OF GENERAL INFLATION BEING SORELY FELT AT ALL INCOME LEVELS.

3. AKUMU NOT SANGUINE ON POSSIBILITY AVOIDING STRIKES AND OR VIOLENCE IF GOK ANSWER IS, AS EXPECTED, MUCH POWER OFFER. SEES POSSIBILITY COTU BEING DISSOLVED IF CONFRONTATION TURNS VIOLENT.

4. AKUMU MEMCON BEING POUCHED DEPT. AND ADDIS.LINDSTROM

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